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GENERAL

1. Chinese Nationalist troops may enter Indochina--The US Charge in Chungking has been informed by President Li's adviser that elements of Ho Chi Minh's Indochinese forces have entered Kwangsi Province at the request of the Chinese Communists. According to the informant, Nationalist General Pai Chung-hsi, whose armies defend Kwangsi, is "considering" not only ejecting the invading Indochinese resistance forces but also pursuing them across the border. In this connection, President Li has asked the US to obtain French permission for the entry of Pai's forces into Indochina. The US Charge expresses the belief that Li's request is designed to provide Pai's forces with a legal means of escape from China.

(CIA Comment: CIA has no evidence indicating recent violation of the Kwangsi frontier by Indochinese resistance forces and does not believe that Chinese Communist forces in South China need assistance from Ho Chi Minh. CIA concurs with the US Charge that President Li is attempting to pave the way for the withdrawal of Pai's troops from China.)

NEAR EAST-AFRICA

2. JORDAN: Decision to proclaim annexation of Arab Palestine--The US delegation at the UN has learned [redacted]

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[redacted] that King Abdullah and the Jordan Government have decided to proclaim the annexation of Arab Palestine on 1 January 1950. [redacted]

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[redacted] the UK approves the idea of annexation and would probably extend the terms of the UK-Jordan defense treaty to the new territory. [redacted] Abdullah [redacted] might not go ahead with the plan if the UK should refuse to extend the treaty.

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